

Bolsover District Council

Executive

27th February 2017

<p>Sheffield City Region Social and Affordable Housing Compact</p>

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To provide Executive with the details of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Social and Affordable Housing Compact. The report seeks a decision for Bolsover District Council to be a signatory of the SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The SCR Housing Forum met in January 2016 to discuss the key issues of meeting the challenge to deliver housing growth, Right to Buy extension to housing associations and a collective framework for allocations, and it was agreed that a working group should be established to develop a common set of principles that all major landlords across the SCR could sign up to
- 1.2 The working group was launched in March 2016 and identified roles and responsibilities to ensure appropriate linkages to the SCR Housing Executive Board and Housing Directors Group. The working group has been developing the Compact between April and August with the expected official date of launch in early December.
- 1.3 The objectives of the SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact are:
- 1.4 To create a common purpose for local authorities, ALMOs and housing associations providing and managing social and affordable housing in the SCR.
- 1.5 To provide an effective mechanism for engagement with the Local Enterprise Partnership / SCR Combined Authority / Sheffield Place / Homes and Communities Agency / Central Government - and ensure the strategies of local organisations support the Strategic Economic Plan, and promote the devolution agenda for housing
- 1.6 To complement the work of other key organisations involved in social and affordable housing policy issues (including the Association of Retained Council Housing, National Federation of ALMOs, National Housing Federation and

Northern Housing Consortium), and avoid duplication by focusing on issues specific to the Sheffield City Region

- 1.7 To focus on expanding the supply of new housing, supporting and investing in existing stock, understanding the products and services we need to deliver, ensuring vulnerable people can continue to access good quality affordable housing, and ensuring a range of low cost home ownership solutions are available across the region
- 1.8 To enhance and increase opportunities for joint working / shared services, joint procurement and bidding for external resources
- 1.9 To enable us to work collaboratively with other devolved regions
- 1.10 To maximise opportunities provided by national policies and funding streams, and ensure they are coherent at a local level
- 1.11 To facilitate better engagement of the housing sector in wider public sector reform discussions, particularly in the context of place-based solutions. This includes employment and skills, crime and policing, health and social care and poverty

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact will be signed by 8 Council's, 4 ALMOs and up to 29 Housing Associations.
- 2.2 We will be included in developing and shaping the SCR Compact as it evolves over time
- 2.3 The SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact will help stimulate the development of Social and Affordable Housing, feeding in to the work of the Housing Executive Board and the 'More New Homes' (see Appendix 2) HCA bid from the SCR

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 The Council Planning, Housing and Legal departments have been consulted regarding the SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to sign the SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact. This would result in Bolsover DC being excluded from future developments in the SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact.
- 4.2 We will reduce our influence on the delivery of Social and Affordable Housing and the SCR call for flexibility in the current Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme bid 2016 – 2021.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 There are no financial implications

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 There are no Legal and Data Protection implications

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 There are no Human Resource implications

6 Recommendation

6.1 To sign up to the SCR Social and Affordable Social Housing Compact

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is an executive decision which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Affected	
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Unlocking Our Growth Potential

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Final SCR Social and Affordable Housing Compact
Appendix 2	'More New Homes'
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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